NASA image: Wildfire outbreak in far eastern Russia

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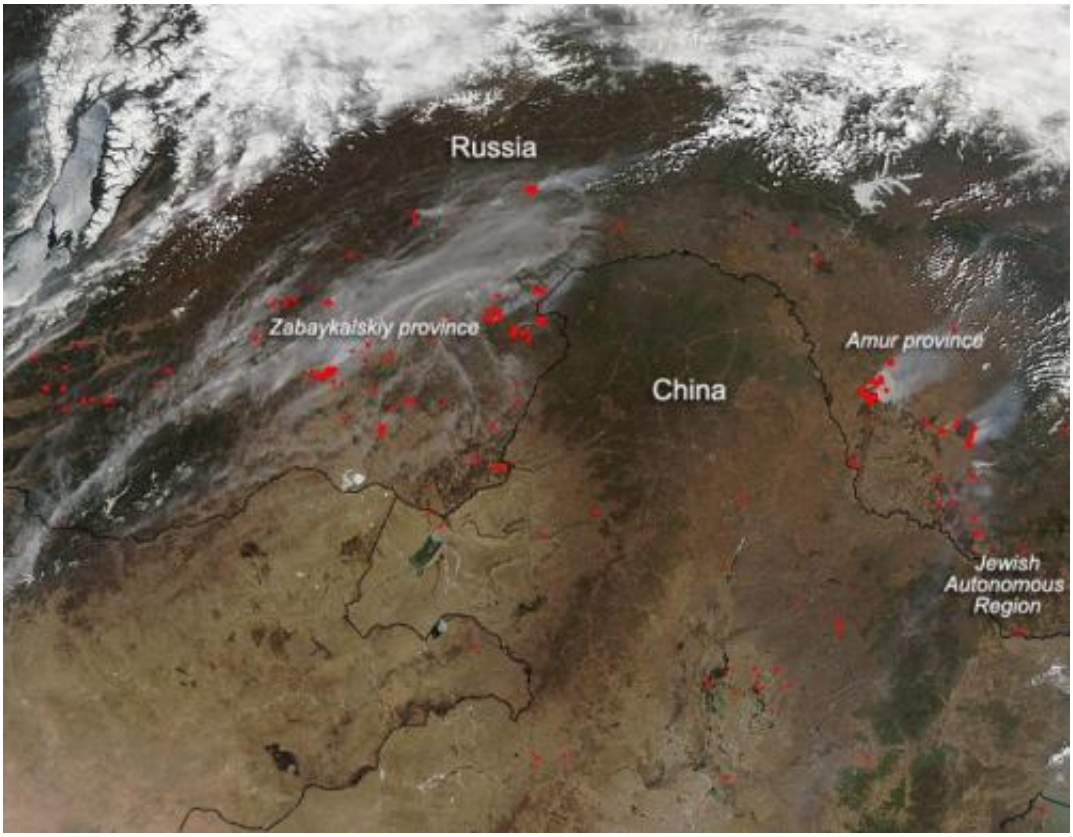

Credit: Jeff Schmaltz, MODIS Rapid Response Team. Russia.

According to the Voice of Russia, "As of Saturday morning, in Russia continue 103 wildfires at 27,412 hectares, including big 26 wildfires in the Far East and in Siberia. On Friday, 147 new fires began at 12,509 hectares, and 150 were extinguished at 5,437 hectares. Emergency

situation has been introduced in the regions with most complicated situations - in the Amur region, in the Maritime and Baikal territories. This was according to the EMERCOM's (Emergency Control Ministry) spokesperson Alexander Drobyshevsky.

Satellites (such as Aqua and Terra) have located "1,587 thermal points, where 1,362 thermal point were confirmed later on. Over 800 specialized vehicles, 30 aircrafts and 3,247 people are involved in extinguishing of the wildfires."

According to EMERCOM, 63 fires have not been put down, 42 of which are in the Primorsky region (not seen in this image), six in the Jewish Autonomous Region, seven in the Khabarovsk region (not seen in this image), eight in the Amur region. 21 out of the active fires have been localized.

NASA's fire imagery from April 23, 2014 showed the outbreak of fires in the Primorsky Region of Russia.

Provided by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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